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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT KEREKOU AT
APPROPRIATE TIME PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 30. QUOTE DEAR
MR. PRESIDENT: I WANT TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE
OF BENIN MY BEST WISHES AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
ON THIS CELEBRATION OF YOUR NATIONAL DAY. IT IS MY
SINCERE HOPE THAT IN THE COMING YEAR THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO RELEASE BY GOB. KISSINGER
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